Mr. SPEAKER.—It is an unwarranted remark. Till I have called upon Government to reply, it cannot be said that the Government is not serious about it. It is a very unkind remark by the hon'ble member.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—It is a very serious question. Several Municipal Corporators are fasting because rice is not available ...

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, order. The hon'ble member is broaching the subject indirectly when I have not allowed it to be mentioned.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—The situation is very serious.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It may be most serious. What of it ? But the rules have to be observed. The hon'ble member did not come and meet me before. The hon'ble member Sri Bhasker Shetty came and met me and I have told him and he seems to be satisfied. But this hon'ble member did not do all that and he stands up and says that the situation is serious and somebody is going on hunger strike. Is that the rule to be observed ?

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—A large number of municipal corporators are fasting.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, order. I will have those words expunged. I have already said that he should not make any reference to it till I allow it. Are there no rules and procedure to be observed in these matters ? Even when I have not allowed it, the hon'ble member wants the House to understand that it is a very serious matter and that Government are indifferent to it. It is not proper. It would have been allright if I had called upon Government and the Government had not replied to it, but I have not yet called upon the Government to reply. The hon'ble member must know the rules and procedure and it is not desirable to make such remarks without knowing the rules and procedure.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

Mr. SPEAKER.—Before I go to the next item on the agenda, I wish to apprise the House of the arrangement for the next week. Members may kindly take note of it so that they may adjust their own programmes.

Discussion and voting on Demands will be concluded on the 27th instant. I hope the Chief Minister will be present of that day.

Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—Yes.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Appropriation Bill will be passed on the 29th. Non-official Business will be transacted on the 29th and 31st March and 1st April. On 30th March there will be no sitting. The House will rise on the 1st and re-assemble on the 5th and continue till about the 8th April or 9th April. That is the tentative programme subject to any modification that the House may make. I am mentioning this because it will help members to adjust their own programmes. I will try to accommodate members as far as possible.